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Interviews: 1002 adults
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Male 48
Female 52
[5]

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Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	High <u>9/01</u>	Low <u>7/92+</u>	
Right direction.....	47	56	41	43	38	42	49	62	72	14	[6]
Wrong track.....	43	30	48	47	50	44	38	22	11	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	6	9	8	6	8	9	8	13	11	9	
Not sure.....	4	5	3	3	4	4	5	3	6	6	
		<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>			
		36	43	44	42	40	52	53			
		47	42	42	43	42	31	28			
		14	13	14	12	14	14	15			
		3	2	-	3	4	3	4			
		<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>			
		62	70	72	43	47	52	45			
		20	15	11	39	39	32	36			
		14	12	11	14	11	11	15			
		4	3	6	4	3	5	4			

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2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<i>High</i> <u>11/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>6/01</u>	[7]
Approve.....	54	58	52	51	49	56	62	88	50	
Disapprove.....	41	34	41	44	45	38	31	7	35	
Not sure.....	6	9	7	5	6	6	7	5	15	
		<u>4/03</u>	<u>3/29-30/03</u>	<u>3/23/03</u>	<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03</u> ¹	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
		71	66	67	62	61	54	62	63	
		23	29	28	33	31	40	33	31	
		6	5	5	5	8	6	5	6	
		<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>11/01</u>	
		64	67	69	75	74	82	85	88	
		30	27	23	18	20	13	11	7	
		6	6	8	7	6	5	4	5	

¹ Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

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2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	[8]
Approve.....	49	48	50	43	45	48	49	
Disapprove.....	45	46	44	52	48	44	42	
Not sure.....	6	6	5	6	7	8	9	
		<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	
		44	47	48	48	49	57	
		49	45	44	43	43	34	
		7	8	8	9	8	9	
		<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
		61	63	63	50	51	52	
		30	27	25	38	33	27	
		9	10	12	12	16	21	

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2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>1/04*</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	
Approve.....	54	56	48	48	47	55	63	70	[9]
Disapprove.....	41	37	47	48	46	39	31	24	
Not sure.....	5	7	5	4	7	6	6	6	
		<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>		
		51	57	58	55	62	64		
		42	36	35	34	28	28		
		7	7	7	11	10	8		
		<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>		
		68	81	82	50	63	53		
		26	13	12	32	26	20		
		6	6	6	18	11	27		

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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2d. When it comes to dealing with the war on terrorism, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing?

	<u>1/04**</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	
Approve.....	63	66	56	56	60	66	64	[10]
Disapprove.....	31	27	38	39	34	28	28	
Not sure.....	6	7	5	5	6	6	8	
		<u>12/02</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	
		66	67	73	75	75	76	
		27	26	22	20	18	19	
		7	7	5	5	7	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

2e. Looking ahead to next year's presidential election, do you feel George W. Bush deserves to be re-elected, or do you feel he does not deserve to be re-elected?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	
Yes, deserves re-election.....	51	52	47	[11]
No, does not deserve re-election.....	42	38	46	
Not sure.....	7	11	7	

3. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>High 9/98</u>	<u>Low 10/90+</u>	[12]
Approve.....	46	39	43	39	42	44	42	44	61	22	
Disapprove.....	41	47	45	45	45	41	39	39	28	69	
Not sure.....	13	14	11	16	13	15	19	17	11	9	
		<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>			
		44	40	34	43	54	57	47			
		40	44	48	41	29	29	34			
		16	16	18	16	17	14	19			
		<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>			
		43	45	48	55	49	46	46			
		33	32	35	30	35	41	42			
		24	23	17	15	16	13	12			
		<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>			
		43	42	43	48	45	42	40			
		46	44	40	36	42	45	49			
		11	14	17	16	13	13	11			
		<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>			
		43	40	49	41	50	44	48			
		41	42	38	45	40	42	39			
		16	18	13	14	10	14	13			

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- 4.. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and groups, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush							
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-	[13]
December 13, 2003.....	35	19	8	15	23	-	
November 2003.....	34	19	11	13	24	-	
September 2003.....	35	17	9	15	23	1	
July 2003.....	38	21	9	14	17	-	
May 2003.....	41	22	9	10	17	1	
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-	
December 2002.....	38	24	14	12	12	-	
October 2002+.....	37	24	11	12	15	1	
September 2002.....	38	25	14	11	12	-	
July 2002.....	40	26	11	11	12	-	
June 2002.....	43	27	11	10	9	-	
April 2002.....	47	25	13	8	7	-	
January 2002.....	53	26	10	7	4	-	
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
June 2001.....	30	23	16	15	15	1	
April 2001.....	36	22	15	13	14	-	
March 2001.....	38	24	14	12	11	1	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	
Wesley Clark							
January 2004.....	7	20	21	11	8	33	[14]
December 13, 2003.....	6	16	16	12	7	43	
November 2003.....	4	15	21	11	8	40	
September 2003.....	7	11	22	6	6	48	
Howard Dean							
January 2004.....	7	20	20	13	21	19	[15]
December 13, 2003.....	9	19	19	12	14	27	
November 2003.....	3	15	21	11	10	39	
September 2003.....	3	15	21	10	10	42	
July 2003.....	5	10	16	5	9	55	

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Q.4 (cont'd)

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	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Dick Gephardt							
January 2004.....	5	21	26	17	11	20	[16]
December 13, 2003.....	4	20	27	14	11	24	
January 2002.....	6	21	25	10	8	30	
September 1998.....	6	18	35	9	5	27	
October 1997.....	4	18	30	12	6	30	
September 1997.....	6	15	32	8	7	32	
March 1992.....	4	19	29	11	7	30	
March 1991.....	5	21	28	10	4	32	
John Edwards							
January 2004.....	4	12	24	8	6	45	[17]
December 13, 2003.....	3	14	21	8	5	49	
John Kerry							
January 2004.....	5	17	25	16	10	29	[18]
December 13, 2003.....	3	18	20	13	11	36	
December 2002.....	5	14	25	8	5	43	
Joe Lieberman							
January 2004.....	6	25	26	19	9	14	[19]
December 13, 2003.....	6	23	26	16	11	18	
January 2001.....	14	28	29	14	5	10	
December 2000.....	18	22	25	11	12	12	
October 2000+.....	19	28	27	9	6	11	
September 2000+.....	17	26	26	8	6	17	
August 2000+.....	19	21	27	7	4	22	

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5. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you live now, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Yes, registered.....	85	[20]
No, not registered.....	15	
Not sure.....	1	

6. Thinking back on the different elections in which you have been eligible to vote in the past few years, including local elections, such as for school board, would you say that you have voted in all these elections, most of them, about half of them, fewer than half of them, or would you say that you have voted in hardly any of these elections?

Voted in all of them.....	41	[21]
Voted in most of them.....	31	

Voted in about half of them.....	10
Voted in fewer than half of them.....	6
Voted in hardly any elections.....	10
Too young to vote/just registered (VOL)...	2
Not sure.....	-

- 7a. If President Bush runs for re-election in 2004, do you think you will probably vote for President Bush or probably vote for the Democratic candidate? (IF "PRESIDENT BUSH" OR "DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE," ASK:) And would you say that you will definitely vote for (President Bush/the Democratic candidate), or just probably vote for (President Bush/the Democratic candidate)? (IF "NOT SURE," RECORD AS "PROBABLY.")

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
Definitely vote for President Bush	34	32	34	NA	NA	NA	[22]
Probably vote for President Bush.....	15	12	12	43	42	45	
Probably vote for Democratic candidate.....	17	15	17	40	40	36	
Definitely vote for the Democratic candidate. .	22	18	23	NA	NA	NA	
Vote for another party's candidate (VOL).....	1	1	1	2	2	3	
Depends on who opponent is (VOL).....	6	9	6	8	9	10	
Not sure.....	5	12	7	8	7	7	
		<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
		47	52	41	42	45	
		32	24	34	28	31	
		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
		2	4	3	4	3	
		12	14	16	20	17	
		7	6	6	6	4	

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- 7b. If the next election for president were held today, and George W. Bush were running as the Republican candidate and Howard Dean were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
George W. Bush.....	54	52	51	50	48	52	[23]
Howard Dean.....	37	31	39	35	35	30	
Depends (VOL).....	2	3	1	2	3	3	
Neither/other (VOL).....	4	4	4	6	7	7	
Not sure.....	4	10	5	8	8	8	

- 7c. If the next election for president were held today, and George W. Bush were running as the Republican candidate and Richard Gephardt were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>1/02</u>	
George W. Bush.....	55	51	52	55	51	67	[24]
Richard Gephardt.....	34	35	36	29	32	21	
Depends (VOL).....	2	1	1	3	3	NA	
Neither/other (VOL).....	4	5	5	5	6	3	
Not sure.....	5	8	6	7	8	9	

- 7d. If the next election for president were held today, and George W. Bush were running as the Republican candidate and Wesley Clark were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	
George W. Bush.....	53	53	50	49	45	[25]

Wesley Clark.....	35	28	34	37	38
Depends (VOL).....	2	2	2	2	2
Neither/other (VOL).....	4	4	4	5	5
Not sure.....	6	13	10	7	11

- 7e. If the next election for president were held today, and George W. Bush were running as the Republican candidate and John Kerry were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	
George W. Bush.....	54	49	55	48	[26]
John Kerry.....	35	34	27	31	
Depends (VOL).....	2	1	2	4	
Neither/other (VOL).....	3	6	6	3	
Not sure.....	6	9	11	14	

- 8a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN." IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat.....	19	Skip to Q.9	[27]
Not very strong Democrat.....	9		
Independent/lean Democrat.....	11		
Strictly independent.....	15	CONTINUE	
Independent/lean Republican.....	9		
Not very strong Republican.....	9		
Strong Republican.....	20		
Other.....	5		
Not sure/nothing.....	3		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q8a.)

- 8b. If there were a presidential primary election in your state, would you vote in the Democratic primary, the Republican primary, or would you wait to vote in the general election?

	<u>1/04</u>		<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	
Vote in the Democratic primary...	7	CONTINUE	6	10	7	10	9	[28]
Vote in the Republican primary...	40		36	40	39	37	39	
Wait until the general election.....	47	Skip to Q.10	50	46	48	44	46	
Neither/other (VOL).....	2		5	2	3	4	2	
Not sure.....	3		4	2	3	4	4	
				<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
				6	8	6	8	
				41	43	43	43	
				44	46	43	42	
				3	1	4	3	
				6	2	4	4	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.8a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.8b.)

9. Let me mention some people who might seek the Democratic nomination for president in 2004. If the next Democratic primary for president were being held today, for which one of the following candidates would you vote? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:)** Well, which way do you lean?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	
Howard Dean.....	24	25	29	15	17	12	3	3	3	1	[29]
Wesley Clark.....	19	11	10	17	16	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Joe Lieberman.....	12	9	7	11	16	25	21	19	25	20	
Richard Gephardt.....	11	11	12	12	8	11	16	14	17	14	
John Kerry.....	7	5	6	11	11	14	17	13	14	16	
John Edwards.....	5	3	5	5	4	4	5	4	7	3	
Al Sharpton.....	5	2	6	4	3	3	2	2	2	4	
Carol Moseley Braun.....	3	2	3	3	1	5	4	4	NA	NA	
Dennis Kucinich.....	2	4	2	3	2	2	1	NA	NA	NA	
None (VOL) ¹	3	5	4	6	4	7	6	14	5		
Other (VOL).....	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	6	
Not sure.....	9	21	16	12	14	14	21	23	20	22	

¹In December 2002, "None (VOL)" and "Other (VOL)" were one item.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT OR AN INDEPENDENT IN Q.8a.)

10. If Howard Dean were selected as the Democratic presidential nominee, would you be comfortable with that choice, or would you be uncomfortable with that choice? **(IF "COMFORTABLE" OR "UNCOMFORTABLE," ASK:)** Would that be very (comfortable/uncomfortable) or somewhat (comfortable/uncomfortable)?

Very comfortable with Dean as presidential nominee.....	23	
Somewhat comfortable with Dean as presidential nominee.....	37	[30]
Somewhat uncomfortable with Dean as presidential nominee.....	14	
Very uncomfortable with Dean as presidential nominee.....	12	
Both comfortable and uncomfortable/Depends(VOL).....	2	
Don't know/Not sure.....	12	

11. What is your preference for the outcome of next year's congressional elections— a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress.....	42	42	43	42	43	42	44	[31]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	43	42	42	42	41	41	40	
Not sure ²	15	16	15	16	16	17	16	
	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	
	42	40	39	39	42	41	37	
	40	44	41	43	41	40	43	
	18	16	20	18	17	19	20	
	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	
	41	40	41	39	37	41	40	
	43	39	40	40	41	37	42	
	16	21	19	21	22	22	18	
	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u> ¹	
	41	41	45	44	41	42	44	
	37	39	39	38	38	41	38	
	22	20	16	18	21	17	18	

¹ In October 1994, the question referred to the 1994 congressional elections; the 1995 and 1996 survey dates referred to the 1996 congressional elections; the 1997 and 1998 dates refer to the 1998 congressional elections.

² The volunteered responses "both equal," "neither in control," or "doesn't matter," were reported separately; for purposes of comparative they are combined with "not sure."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

12. In next year's election for U.S. House of Representatives, do you plan to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean at this time?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	
Republican candidate.....	35	38	39	37	34	33	33	34	[32]
Democratic candidate.....	39	41	39	35	36	35	32	33	
Depends (VOL).....	14	9	9	12	15	15	19	16	
Other/neither/won't vote (VOL).....	3	2	3	5	5	3	4	3	
Not sure.....	9	11	10	11	10	14	12	14	
		<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>9/98+</u>	
		40	34	32	32	30	30	35	
		43	36	34	36	36	36	37	
		8	14	15	16	18	22	14	
		2	4	5	6	4	3	2	
		7	12	14	10	12	9	12	
		<u>7/98+</u>	<u>6/98+</u>	<u>4/98+</u>	<u>1/98+</u>	<u>10/96+</u>	<u>9/96+</u>		
		33	34	30	32	38	36		
		35	37	37	36	39	42		
		16	16	20	22	8	7		
		2	3	1	2	1	2		
		14	10	12	8	14	13		
		<u>8/20-21/96+</u>	<u>8/2-6/96+</u>	<u>7/96+</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>5/96+</u>		
		37	38	37	35	35	36		
		38	38	40	40	40	39		
		11	10	10	10	10	9		
		2	2	1	1	1	2		
		12	12	12	14	14	14		
		<u>3/96</u>	<u>12/95¹</u>	<u>11/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>10/94+</u>	<u>9/94</u>		
		36	34	40	39	41	33		
		38	36	37	36	36	39		
		12	17	6	6	7	9		
		3	3	3	5	2	5		
		11	10	14	14	14	14		

Prior to March 1996, this question was phrased, "election for U.S. Congress..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

13. Which ONE or TWO of the following issues and problems do you think should be the top priorities for the President and Congress to address this year? **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES. IF "ALL," ASK:)** If you absolutely had to choose, which ONE or TWO issues would you say are the biggest priorities?

	<u>1/04</u> ²	<u>5/03</u>	<u>1/03</u> ¹	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
Strengthening the economy.....	45	57	45	48	43	[33]
Dealing with health care costs.....	29	25	26	23	18	
Fighting terrorism.....	25	36	28	35	36	
Dealing with Iraq.....	15	5	25	19	18	
Reforming Social Security.....	14	15	18	19	17	
Reducing the federal budget deficit.....	13	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Reforming the tax system.....	11	NA	NA	NA	NA	
All equally important (VOL).....	9	10	9	11	16	
None/other (VOL).....	1	1	-	1	1	
Not sure.....	-	1	-	-	-	

¹Prior to January 2003, question was phrased, "... to address over the next several months?"
to January 2004, last item was phrased, "Protecting Social Security."

²Prior

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14. Which one of the following statements best describes how you feel about the direction of the economy and the situation in Iraq?

I feel positive about the direction of the economy and about the situation in Iraq.....	35	[34]
I feel positive about the direction of the economy but negative about the situation in Iraq.....	17	
I feel negative about the direction of the economy, but positive about the situation in Iraq.	11	
I feel negative about the direction of the economy and about the situation in Iraq.....	34	
Not sure.....	3	

15. How would you prefer to see the President and Congress try to reduce the federal budget deficit – by spending less money on domestic programs like health and education or by canceling some recent tax cuts? *

By spending less money.....	21	[35]
By canceling some recent tax cuts.....	60	
Both/Some of both/Either (VOL).....	2	
Neither/other.....	12	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

16. Now I'm going to read you a list of items, and I would like you to rate how comfortable you are with the Democratic Party when it comes to each one using a one-to-five scale, on which a "5" means that you are very comfortable, a "1" means that you are not at all comfortable, and a "3" is in the middle: You may use any number from one to five (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, would you please give me your best estimate?

THIS TABLE IS RANKED BY THE NUMBER WHO SAY "4" OR "5"

	Mean	Very Comfortable			Not At All Comfortable		Don't Know	
		<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
Positions on domestic issues like health care and the environment.....	3.0	14	23	29	14	17	2	[40]
Economic policies, such as jobs and taxes.....	2.9	12	19	30	19	18	2	[38]
Social issues, such as abortion and gay rights.....	2.7	14	13	25	14	31	3	[37]
Positions on national defense and Iraq.....	2.7	11	15	30	17	24	3	[39]

17. Now I'm going to read you a list of items, and I would like you to rate how comfortable you are with the Republican Party when it comes to each one using a one-to-five scale, on which a "5" means that you are very comfortable, a "1" means that you are not at all comfortable, and a "3" is in the middle: You may use any number from one to five (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, would you please give me your best estimate?

THIS TABLE IS RANKED BY THE NUMBER WHO SAY "4" OR "5"

	Mean	Very Comfortable			Not At All Comfortable		Don't Know	
		<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
Positions on national defense and Iraq.....	3.2	25	22	19	12	21	1	[44]
Economic policies, such as jobs and taxes.....	2.8	14	20	26	16	23	1	[43]
Social issues, such as abortion and gay rights.....	2.7	15	14	27	13	29	2	[42]
Positions on domestic issues like health care and the environment.....	2.7	10	16	30	17	25	1	[45]

18. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**, which party do you think would do a better job--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, both about the same, or neither?

	<u>Party Advantage</u>	<u>Democratic Party</u>	<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>Both About The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Protecting the environment							
January 2004 *.....	D-33	51	18	20	9	3	[52]
December 13, 2003.....	D-34	54	20	15	7	5	
June 2002.....	D-30	44	14	26	11	5	
June 2001.....	D-37	52	15	21	7	5	
December 1999.....	D-29	43	14	25	11	7	
September 1998.....	D-33	45	12	30	9	4	
May 1996.....	D-28	45	17	18	3	7	
December 1995.....	D-32	45	13	20	13	9	
October 1993.....	D-29	44	15	13	22	6	
July 1992+.....	D-27	38	11	27	18	6	
October 1991.....	D-23	39	16	24	12	9	
Dealing with health care							
January 2004 *.....	D-26	48	22	18	10	2	[50]
December 13, 2003.....	D-18	43	25	14	13	6	
October 2002+.....	D-25	46	21	19	11	3	
June 2002.....	D-22	38	16	23	18	5	
June 2001.....	D-21	41	20	21	12	6	
December 1999.....	D-26	43	17	21	13	6	
March 1999.....	D-24	42	18	23	12	5	
October 1998+.....	D-20	41	21	26	8	4	
September 1998.....	D-20	40	20	24	13	3	
June 1998.....	D-13	25	12	34	23	6	
May 1996.....	D-20	42	22	16	17	3	
December 1995.....	D-21	43	22	13	16	6	
October 1994.....	D-12	37	25	12	20	6	
July 1994.....	D-16	37	21	18	18	6	
May 1994.....	D-9	26	17	38	15	4	
October 1993.....	D-28	44	16	16	18	6	
March 1993.....	D-48	57	9	17	12	5	
July 1992+.....	D-34	44	10	21	19	6	
April 1992+.....	D-36	48	12	17	18	5	
October 1991+.....	D-34	46	12	18	16	8	
Dealing with prescription drugs for seniors							
January 2004 **.....	D-21	42	20	19	13	5	[60]
December 13, 2003.....	D-20	41	21	15	14	10	
October 2002+.....	D-28	44	16	18	14	8	

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- ** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
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Q.18 (cont'd)

Q.18 (cont'd)	<u>Party Advantage</u>	<u>Democratic Party</u>	<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>Both About The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Dealing with Social Security							
January 2004 *.....	D-20	45	25	16	11	3	[49]
December 13, 2003.....	D-15	39	24	18	13	7	
October 2002+.....	D-23	43	20	19	13	5	
June 2002.....	D-15	36	21	26	12	5	
June 2001.....	D-15	38	23	22	11	6	
December 1999.....	D-15	38	23	18	14	7	
March 1999.....	D-18	39	21	23	11	6	
October 1998+.....	D-23	44	21	25	6	4	
September 1998.....	D-16	37	21	25	13	4	
July 1998.....	D-9	28	19	34	14	5	
January 1998.....	D-11	26	15	34	18	7	
September 1997.....	D-14	33	19	18	22	8	
October 1996.....	D-12	36	24	17	15	8	
December 1995.....	D-22	44	22	14	14	6	
June 1995.....	D-9	35	26	16	15	8	
November 1994.....	D-5	32	27	15	16	10	
Strengthening laws against corporate corruption							
January 2004 *.....	D-16	39	23	20	15	4	[55]
December 13, 2003.....	D-21	43	22	15	13	7	
October 2002+.....	D-13	37	24	20	13	6	
Dealing with energy policy							
January 2004 **.....	D-11	37	25	22	10	6	[65]
December 13, 2003.....	D-11	36	25	15	11	12	
June 2001.....	D-8	35	27	19	10	9	
Reducing the federal deficit							
January 2004 **.....	D-11	37	26	18	15	4	[64]
December 13, 2003.....	D-13	38	25	12	16	10	
September 1997.....	R-8	23	31	22	18	6	
October 1996.....	R-3	29	32	11	19	9	
June 1995.....	R-21	16	37	17	26	4	
October 1993.....	D-4	27	23	27	18	5	
March 1993.....	D-23	39	16	23	18	4	
April 1992+.....	D-1	20	19	18	37	6	
October 1991+.....	R-5	24	29	16	24	7	
October 1990+.....	R-2	25	27	19	23	6	

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Q.18 (cont'd)

Q.18 (cont'd)	<u>Party Advantage</u>	<u>Democratic Party</u>	<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>Both About The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Dealing with education							
January 2004 **.....	D-6	35	29	23	10	3	[61]
December 13, 2003.....	D-15	39	25	20	11	5	
October 2002+.....	D-12	37	25	26	8	4	
June 2002.....	D-6	31	25	27	11	6	
June 2001.....	D-7	33	26	27	10	4	
December 1999.....	D-13	37	24	25	10	4	
March 1999.....	D-14	37	23	27	9	4	
October 1998+.....	D-19	40	21	28	7	4	
September 1998.....	D-16	38	22	29	8	3	
September 1997.....	D-20	40	20	22	12	6	
October 1996.....	D-23	46	23	14	9	8	
May 1996+.....	D-16	40	24	19	12	5	
December 1995.....	D-10	35	25	19	14	7	
June 1995.....	D-9	35	26	21	11	7	
October 1994.....	D-13	34	21	24	15	6	
October 1993.....	D-8	32	24	16	24	4	
July 1992+.....	D-25	42	17	25	12	4	
October 1991+.....	D-14	28	14	33	18	7	
October 1990+.....	D-18	33	15	30	14	8	
November 1989+.....	D-15	30	15	32	15	8	
Standing up to special interests							
January 2004 **.....	D-5	29	23	24	20	5	[66]
December 13, 2003.....	D-11	36	25	15	16	8	
September 1997.....	D-5	24	19	19	30	8	
October 1996.....	D-9	27	18	15	30	10	
October 1994.....	D-2	24	22	17	28	9	
October 1993.....	D-9	28	19	22	24	7	
March 1993.....	D-23	36	13	20	23	8	

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Q.18 (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure	
Dealing with food safety							
January 2004 *.....	D-5	26	21	41	8	5	[57]
Dealing with abortion							
January 2004 *.....	D-3	35	33	15	12	5	[56]
December 13, 2003.....	D-11	39	28	13	12	8	
March 2000.....	D-8	31	23	17	17	12	
December 1999	D-6	30	24	18	18	10	
June 1999.....	D-8	31	23	21	16	9	
May 1996.....	D-9	34	25	10	22	9	
December 1995.....	D-13	33	20	15	21	11	
October 1994.....	D-7	31	24	12	20	13	
October 1993.....	D-8	33	25	19	14	9	
July 1992+	D-14	32	18	22	19	9	
May 1992.....	D-13	33	20	14	17	16	
April 1992+.....	D-15	34	19	19	17	11	
February/March 1992+.....	D-11	31	20	20	17	12	
October 1991+.....	D-14	36	22	14	15	13	
Dealing with gay marriage							
January 2004 **.....	D-2	31	28	16	14	11	[63]
December 13, 2003.....	D-7	33	26	10	13	17	
Dealing with the economy							
January 2004 *.....	D-0	36	36	17	9	2	[47]
December 13, 2003.....	R-1	37	38	14	7	5	
October 2002+.....	D-6	36	30	21	9	4	
June 2002.....	D-1	32	31	24	9	4	
June 2001.....	D-6	37	31	20	6	6	
December 1999.....	D-3	34	31	24	7	4	
March 1999.....	D-6	35	29	26	6	4	
September 1998.....	-	31	31	29	6	3	
September 1997.....	R-9	25	34	26	9	6	
October 1996.....	D-4	36	32	15	10	7	
May 1996+.....	R-4	26	30	27	14	3	
December 1995.....	R-8	22	30	27	17	4	
June 1995.....	R-12	17	29	29	23	2	
October 1994.....	R-8	22	30	28	16	4	
July 1994.....	R-11	18	29	32	17	4	
June 1994.....	R-5	21	26	39	12	2	
October 1993.....	R-5	22	27	20	28	3	
March 1993.....	D-16	34	18	34	11	3	
July 1992+	D-8	26	18	35	18	3	
May 1992.....	D-6	29	23	26	17	5	

January 1992+.....	D-5	28	23	33	12	4
October 1991+.....	R-1	27	28	26	14	5

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Q.18 (cont'd)

Q.18 (cont'd)	<u>Party Advantage</u>	<u>Democratic Party</u>	<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>Both About The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Controlling government spending							
January 2004 *	R-2	31	33	16	18	2	[53]
December 13, 2003	D-2	34	32	16	14	5	
May 1996	R-28	15	43	12	24	6	
December 1995	R-19	19	38	12	26	5	
October 1994	R-13	21	34	12	28	5	
October 1993	R-8	19	27	29	20	5	
Dealing with taxes							
January 2004 **	R-2	35	37	16	10	2	[59]
December 13, 2003	R-3	34	37	12	9	9	
October 2002+	R-5	31	36	17	11	5	
June 2002	R-6	27	33	20	15	5	
June 2001	R-8	28	36	20	11	5	
December 1999	R-3	30	33	19	13	5	
March 1999	R-6	29	35	20	12	4	
October 1998+	-	32	32	21	10	5	
September 1998	R-6	29	35	22	11	3	
September 1997	R-5	26	31	20	16	7	
October 1996	R-5	30	35	15	13	7	
May 1996+	R-9	25	34	17	19	5	
December 1995	R-8	26	34	14	20	6	
June 1995	R-13	22	35	15	22	6	
November 1994	R-13	23	36	16	17	8	
October 1994	R-15	23	38	17	18	4	
October 1993	R-11	23	34	16	23	4	
Protecting America's interests on trade issues							
January 2004 *	R-11	25	36	23	10	6	[54]
December 13, 2003 *	R-5	29	33	19	8	11	
December 1995	R-7	24	31	22	12	11	
October 1994	R-15	22	37	21	11	9	
July 1994	R-13	22	35	25	11	7	
October 1993	R-19	20	39	13	20	8	
July 1992+	R-9	23	32	24	15	6	
May 1992	R-8	24	32	21	12	11	
January 1992+	R-1	25	26	31	9	9	
October 1991+	R-14	22	36	21	10	11	
October 1990+	R-13	22	35	24	9	10	

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** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q.18 (cont'd)

Q.18 (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure	
Dealing with foreign policy							
January 2004 **.....	R-15	29	43	19	6	3	[62]
December 13, 2003.....	R-13	28	41	15	7	9	
June 2002.....	R-18	19	37	28	8	8	
December 1999.....	R-10	23	33	28	9	7	
March 1999.....	R-5	25	30	31	6	8	
September 1998.....	R-10	23	33	34	6	4	
October 1994.....	R-19	15	34	34	12	5	
October 1993.....	R-27	10	37	11	39	3	
July 1992+.....	R-33	15	48	24	7	6	
Promoting strong moral values							
January 2004 **.....	R-22	23	45	18	13	2	[67]
December 13, 2003.....	R-23	20	42	15	15	8	
June 2001.....	R-22	18	40	23	16	3	
December 1999.....	R-21	16	37	23	20	4	
Dealing with the war on terrorism							
January 2004 *.....	R-24	23	46	22	6	3	[48]
December 13, 2003.....	R-26	20	46	19	9	5	
October 2002+.....	R-36	13	49	27	6	5	
Dealing with Iraq							
January 2004 **.....	R-26	23	48	14	11	4	[58]
December 13, 2003.....	R-21	24	45	13	7	11	
October 2002+.....	R-30	17	47	21	8	7	
Dealing with homeland security							
January 2004 **.....	R-30	18	47	24	9	3	[68]
Ensuring a strong national defense							
January 2004 *.....	R-37	16	53	22	7	2	[51]
December 13, 2003.....	R-35	18	54	18	5	4	
June 2002.....	R-39	11	50	29	4	6	
June 2001.....	R-41	14	55	21	5	5	
December 1999.....	R-28	18	46	24	6	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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19. Which political party do you think currently does a better job of appealing to people who are NOT among its hard-core supporters—the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

	<u>1/04**</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	
The Democratic Party does a better job.....	45	43	[69]
The Republican Party does a better job.....	38	40	
Both about the same (VOL).....	4	3	
Neither party does a good job (VOL).....	6	4	
Not sure.....	7	10	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

20. Let me read you a number of different special interest groups, and please tell me which one or two you feel present the biggest problem because of their influence on decisions made in Washington? **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)**

	<u>1/04**</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	
Labor Unions like the AFL-CIO and teachers unions.....	17	17	[70]
Liberal organizations like the ACLU and gay rights groups.....	33	34	
Environmental groups like the Sierra Club	11	13	
Conservative groups like the American Conservative Union.....	7	8	
Major corporations like pharmaceutical and auto companies.....	40	47	
.....			
Religious groups like the Christian Coalition.....	17	18	
All (VOL).....	5	3	
None (VOL).....	3	2	
Not sure.....	9	6	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

(ASK ONLY OF NON-REGISTERED VOTERS IN Q.5, THOSE WHO VOTED IN HALF OR LESS OF PAST ELECTIONS IN Q.6, AND THOSE WHO SAY "NOT SURE" IN Q.6.)

21. I'm going to list a few things a presidential candidate might do and that some people say might motivate them to vote in this year's presidential election. For each one, please tell me how much it would motivate you, if at all, to vote in this fall's presidential election – would it motivate you a great deal, quite a bit, just some, very little, or not at all?

THIS TABLE IS RANKED BY NUMBER WHO SAY "A GREAT DEAL"

	Would Motivate Me A <u>Great Deal</u>	Would Motivate Me Quite A Bit	Would Motivate Me Just Some	Would Motivate Me Very Little	Would Motivate Me Not At All	Not Sure	
Bring the troops home from Iraq soon.....	46	17	15	12	8	2	[73]
Return morality and values to America.....	45	15	16	11	13	1	[74]
Take pride in America and not be negative.....	43	21	18	9	7	2	[75]
Lessen the difference between the rich and the poor	35	19	19	11	14	2	[76]
Take on special interests to reduce their influence in government	26	20	23	14	12	5	[72]

Now I'd like to turn to foreign policy ...

22. Do you think that the United States should or should not have taken military action to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
Should have taken military action.....	66	69	66	63	64	69	[77]
Should not have taken military action.....	29	26	30	34	33	27	
Not sure.....	5	5	4	3	4	5	
		<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>3/17/03</u> ¹	<u>2/03</u> ²	<u>1/03</u>	
		71	76	65	60	56	
		24	17	30	27	36	
		5	7	5	13	8	
		<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>4/02</u> ³		
		59	60	58	57		
		30	31	30	28		
		11	9	12	8		

¹On March 17, 2003, the question was phrased, "Do you think that the United States should or should not take..."

² Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

³ In April 2002, the question was phrased, "Do you think that the United States should or should not take military action against Iraq and Saddam Hussein?"

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

23. Do you think that the war in Iraq is generally over with most of the challenges behind us, or do you think that most of the challenges in Iraq remain ahead?

	<u>1/04*</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>4/03¹</u>	
Most of the challenges behind us.....	21	20	18	26	22	[78]
Most of the challenges remain ahead.....	72	71	75	70	71	
Not sure.....	6	8	7	3	7	

¹In April 2003, this question was phrased, "most of the challenges in the war remain ahead."

24. When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think that removing Saddam Hussein from power was or was not worth the number of U.S. military casualties and the financial cost of the war?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
Worth it.....	52	53	45	45	[79]
Not worth it.....	40	37	42	46	
Depends.....	2	5	6	3	
Not sure.....	5	5	6	5	

25. When it comes to how long American troops should stay in Iraq, which comes closer to your view?

Statement A: American troops should be withdrawn from Iraq now or as soon as possible.

Statement B: American troops should be withdrawn from Iraq according to a specified timetable and leave within the next 18 months regardless of the situation at that time.

Statement C: American troops should stay as long as necessary to complete the process, even if it takes as long as five years.

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
Statement A /As soon as possible.....	19	20	21	20	21	17	[80]
Statement B /According to specified timetable, but within 18 months.....	24	23	23	28	26	23	
Statement C /As long as necessary, even if five years.....	56	55	55	51	50	58	
Not sure.....	2	3	1	2	2	3	

26. Do you think Saddam Hussein's capture will make it easier, make it harder, or not affect the ability of American and coalition forces to establish a stable democratic government in Iraq?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	
Easier to establish stable democratic government in Iraq.....	60	68	[81]
Harder to establish stable democratic government in Iraq.....	9	6	
Not affect ability to establish stable democratic government in Iraq.....	26	19	
Depends/Not sure (VOL).....	5	7	

- 27a. Do you think Saddam Hussein's capture will make it easier, make it harder, or not affect the United States' ability to win the global war on terror?

1/04* 12/14/03

Easier to win the global war on terror.....	48	57	[82]
Harder to win the global war on terror.....	8	4	
Not affect ability to win the global war on terror...	40	34	
Depends/Not sure (VOL).....	4	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 27b. Do you think the United States' handling of Iraq in the past year will make it easier, make it harder, or not affect the United States' ability to win the global war on terror? **

Easier to win the global war on terror.....	51	[83]
Harder to win the global war on terror.....	21	
Not affect ability to win the global war on terror...	22	
Depends/Not sure (VOL).....	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

28. How likely do you think it is that the United States will be the target of another major terrorist attack at home or overseas in the next few months--very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	
Very likely.....	33	41	55	44	45	44	45	[84]
Somewhat likely.....	45	41	34	40	38	37	40	
Somewhat unlikely.....	13	11	5	10	11	11	10	
Very unlikely.....	6	5	4	4	4	5	3	
Not sure.....	3	1	2	2	2	3	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

29. When it comes to homeland security, do you think that the government is doing all that can reasonably be expected to make the United States safe, or do you think that the government could do more to make the United States safer?

The government is doing all that can reasonably be expected.....	54	[85]
The government could do more to make the U.S. safer.....	41	
The government is already doing too much (VOL).....	2	
Don't know/Not sure.....	3	

30. Do you feel that the terror-alert levels offered by the government have been helpful or not helpful?

Terror alert levels have been helpful.....	62	[86]
Terror alert levels have not been helpful....	32	
Some of both/Depends (VOL).....	2	
Don't know/Not sure.....	4	

31. Which of the following should be the top foreign policy priority for President Bush and his administration?
(IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be?

THIS TABLE IS RANKED BY NUMBER WHO SAY "TOP PRIORITY"

	<u>1/04*</u>	<u>5/03</u>	
Completing the war on terrorism.....	28	21	
The problem of nuclear weapons in North Korea.....	17	24	[87]
Peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.....	16	21	
Rebuilding Iraq.....	13	8	
Dealing with states that border Iraq, such as Iran and Syria.....	5	5	
Rebuilding Afghanistan.....	3	2	
All equally important (VOL).....	13	12	
None of these (VOL).....	3	3	
Not sure.....	4	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Turning to the economy . . .

32. Over the past twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	
Economy has gotten better.....	43	45	38	27	38	27	23	18	[88]
Economy has gotten worse.....	23	27	29	41	29	41	42	44	
Economy has stayed about the same.	34	27	31	30	31	30	34	36	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	
		<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01¹</u>	<u>3/92</u>	<u>1/92</u>	<u>12/91</u>	<u>10/91</u>	
		6	7	17	6	2	3	6	
		65	57	44	73	78	74	67	
		28	35	38	20	19	22	26	
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>9/91</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	<u>9/90</u>	
		8	9	11	8	3	3	6	
		57	64	54	64	73	72	57	
		33	26	35	27	23	24	35	
		2	1	-	1	1	1	2	
		<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
		11	11	12	12	12	15	18	
		37	36	30	30	29	34	23	
		51	52	56	56	57	49	57	
		1	1	2	2	2	2	2	

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

33. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	[89]
Economy will get better.....	50	53	49	44	45	49	35	40	
Economy will get worse.....	10	10	15	19	16	16	25	20	
Economy will stay about the same.....	37	33	33	33	34	32	37	35	
Not sure.....	3	3	3	4	4	3	3	5	
		<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u> ¹	
		41	39	41	50	50	36	28	
		20	18	20	13	15	25	29	
		34	39	37	32	32	34	37	
		5	4	2	5	3	5	6	
	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	
	17	19	19	21	20	24	31	31	
	24	22	22	21	21	23	17	24	
	54	53	57	52	54	50	46	40	
	5	6	2	6	5	3	6	5	
	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	
	28	28	27	29	44	43	21	23	
	24	17	21	16	16	19	27	24	
	44	52	49	52	36	34	50	51	
	4	3	3	3	4	4	2	2	
	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>	
	20	23	33	39	50	53	32	31	
	29	27	21	15	9	10	20	24	
	48	47	44	43	39	35	45	40	
	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	5	

¹Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "During the next year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

34. How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

								Hig h	Low	
	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>9/02</u>	[90]
Very satisfied.....	6	3	4	2	4	6	4	31	2	
Somewhat satisfied.....	45	33	27	32	42	44	43	55	32	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	30	38	37	41	39	33	39	10	41	
Very dissatisfied.....	18	25	31	24	14	15	13	3	24	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	
	<u>12/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>			
	5	18	29	23	26	27	31			
	47	57	52	53	54	55	55			
	32	18	12	17	13	12	10			
	15	6	6	7	6	5	3			
	1	1	1	-	1	1	1			
	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>			
	18	13	10	13	9	7	5			
	52	52	51	45	51	49	43			
	20	23	27	27	27	30	32			
	8	10	10	13	11	12	18			
	2	2	2	2	2	2	2			
	<u>5/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>				
	4	3	3	4	4	4				
	43	39	37	39	40	41				
	38	37	38	35	37	38				
	14	19	19	21	18	15				
	1	2	3	1	1	2				

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

35. How satisfied are you with your own financial situation today--very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with your financial situation?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/02+</u>	
Very satisfied.....	19	17	18	16	19	21	25	26	18	[91]
Somewhat satisfied.....	50	44	40	47	50	50	51	52	40	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	18	21	23	24	19	17	13	14	23	
Very dissatisfied.....	13	17	19	13	12	11	10	7	19	
Not sure.....	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	
		<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>			
		21	22	25	26	20	19			
		53	50	51	52	51	49			
		14	18	13	14	16	17			
		11	10	10	7	12	14			
		1	-	1	1	1	1			
		<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>12/94</u>					
		16	17	16	13					
		50	48	50	48					
		20	20	21	24					
		13	14	12	14					
		1	1	1	1					

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

36. Which of the following five statements best describes your own personal economic situation?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
I am in good shape. I am able to save and plan for the future.....	21	19	[92]
I am okay. I am saving a little and I am able to provide for my needs.....	50	51	
I am barely getting by. I have to budget carefully and I am not able to plan for the future.....	19	21	
I am falling behind. I have had to use savings or go further into debt to pay my bills.....	6	6	
I am in serious financial trouble, and can't quite see how I am going to make it.....	3	2	
Not sure.....	1	1	

37. Do you expect your children's generation to enjoy a higher standard of living than your generation?

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>9/96+</u>	
Yes, expect children's generation to enjoy a higher standard of living.....	64	59	69	63	63	64	53	52	43	[93]
No, do not expect children's generation to enjoy a higher standard of living.....	29	34	22	31	32	32	42	44	47	
Not sure.....	7	7	9	6	5	4	5	4	10	
			<u>6/96</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>7/94</u>	<u>5/90+</u>	
			43	41	41	48	49	45	60	
			47	51	52	46	45	50	37	
			10	8	7	6	6	5	3	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

I'd like to turn briefly now to a few other subjects . . .

38. As you may know, President Bush and the U.S. Congress recently approved a new law that expands Medicare to provide prescription drug benefits and creates a bigger role for private insurers in the federal health program. Do you favor or oppose this new law?

	<u>1/04**</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	
Favor this new law.....	54	55	[94]
Oppose this new law.....	32	33	
Not sure/Don't know enough.....	14	12	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

39. Please tell me which of the following approaches to dealing with Social Security you would prefer--**(A)** making some adjustments but leaving the Social Security system basically as is and running the risk that the system will fall short of money as more people retire and become eligible for benefits, OR **(B)** changing the Social Security system by allowing people to invest some of their Social Security taxes in private accounts and running the risk that some people will lose money in their private accounts due to drops in the stock market.

	<u>1/04¹</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	
(A) Making some adjustments but leaving the Social Security system basically as is.....	52	45	[95]
(B) Changing Social Security to allow people to invest some of their Social Security taxes in private accounts....	38	45	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	5	
Depends (VOL).....	1	1	
Not sure.....	4	4	

¹Prior to January 2004, the question was phrased, ". . . to dealing with Social Security concerns you more . . ." + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

40. As you may know, President Bush is proposing to allow foreigners who have jobs but are staying illegally in the United States to apply for legal, temporary-worker status. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

Favor.....	40	[96]
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Oppose.....	53
Depends/Not sure (VOL).....	6
Don't understand question (VOL).....	1

FACTUALS: Now I'm going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. Are you currently employed?

(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	28	[97]
White-collar worker.....	20	
Blue-collar worker.....	15	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	6	
Retired.....	19	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	4	
Other.....	3	
Not sure.....	1	

F2. Did you happen to vote in the 2000 presidential election? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote-- George W. Bush, the Republican, Al Gore, the Democrat, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate?

Yes, Voted		
Voted for George W. Bush.....	45	[98]
Voted for Al Gore.....	31	
Voted for Ralph Nader.....	3	
Voted for Pat Buchanan.....	1	
Voted for other candidate (VOL).....	1	
Not sure who voted for (VOL).....	1	
No, Did Not Vote	15	
No, was too young to vote (VOL).....	2	
Not Sure/Refused	3	

F3. How old are you? **(IF "REFUSED," ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	8	50-54.....	10	[99]
25-29.....	8	55-59.....	9	
30-34.....	9	60-64.....	6	
35-39.....	8	65-69.....	5	
40-44.....	11	70-74.....	5	
45-49.....	12	75 and over.....	8	
		Refused.....	1	

F4. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[100]
Some high school.....	5	
High school graduate.....	26	
Some college, no degree.....	18	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	8	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	22	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree....	13	
Doctoral/law degree.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F5. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	19	[101]
Moderate.....	43	
Conservative.....	36	
Not sure.....	2	

F6. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	19	[102]
Married.....	60	
Separated.....	2	
Widowed.....	8	
Divorced.....	10	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F7a. Which of the following would you use to describe yourself – Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, atheist, agnostic, or none of these?

Protestant.....	38	CONTINUE	[103]
Catholic.....	25		
Jewish.....	2	Skip to Q.F7c	
Muslim.....	-		
Atheist/agnostic.....	4		
None of these.....	29	CONTINUE	
Not sure.....	1		
Refused.....	2	Skip to Q.F7c	

(ASK ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAID "PROTESTANT," "NONE OF THESE," OR "NOT SURE," IN Q.F7a.)

F7b. And would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/Evangelical.....	22	[104]
Protestant, Not Fundamentalist/ Evangelical.....	19	
Protestant, Not Sure/Refused Fundamentalist, Evangelical.....	5	
Catholic (QF7a).....	25	
Jewish (QF7a).....	2	
Muslim (QF7a).....	-	
Atheist/agnostic (QF7a).....	4	
None of these.....	21	
Not sure (QF7a).....	1	
Refused (QF7a).....	2	

F7c. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never.....	13	[105]
Once a year.....	7	
A few times a year.....	17	
Once a month.....	6	
About twice a month.....	11	
Once a week or more often.....	44	
Not sure.....	2	

F7d. Thinking about the role that religion plays in your life, would you describe yourself as a highly religious person, quite religious, just somewhat religious, or not religious?

Highly religious.....	22	[106]
Quite religious.....	27	
Just somewhat religious.....	36	
Not religious.....	12	
Not sure.....	2	

F8. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?**

Labor union member.....	10	[107]
Labor union household.....	6	
Non-union household.....	81	
Not sure.....	2	

F9. Do you, or does anyone in your household, own a gun of any kind?

Yes, gun in household.....	42	[108]
No, no gun in household.....	56	
Not sure.....	2	

F10a. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	10	[109]
No, not Hispanic.....	88	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F10b. What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	70	[110]
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	3	
Other.....	7	
Hispanic (VOL).....	7	
Not sure/refused.....	3	

F11. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	3	[111]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	12	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	12	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	8	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	17	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	12	
More than \$100,000.....	14	
Not sure/refused.....	13	